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Marian Movement of Priests

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2nd February 2014

Dear Faithful

Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord

At the beginning of each New Year, after my mid-twenties conversion, I would look forward to reading Fr Gobbi's letter to the faithful of Our Lady's Marian Movement of Priests. His words beautifully reflected Mother Mary's message of hope amidst our time of great apostasy, joy amidst our time of great despair and enlightenment amidst our great confusion and rebellion. His annual message would always be faithfully punctuated with powerful quotes from Our Lady's Blue Book.

Last August, at the Annual Oceania Retreat for the Marian Movement of Priests, Fr Donal McIlraith, the Responsible for Oceania, asked me if I would be the Responsible for Australia. I was naturally taken aback and reflected on the enormity of this responsibility; however, I felt a peace and almost a whisper in my ear that Our Lady wanted me to do this. My main concern was that I would not be able to fulfil the duties and devote the time that this position deserved and most concerning was the thought of letting My Heavenly Mother down. However, I began to reflect on some of Fr Gobbi's talks about the inception of this beautiful Movement, which in essence was a call to simplicity. I thought to myself I love simplicity, especially in our current age of 'busyness'. So I decided to get permission from my Bishop, I reasoned, if he says 'yes' who am I to say 'no'.

Another motivating reason for my desire to help Our Lady carry out her very important work for the salvation of souls was seeing some members of the Marian Movement of Priests fall away due to lies of people such as those of "Maria Divine Mercy" (Archbishop Denis Hart, President of the Australian Bishop's Conference has confirmed it is wrong). The most glaring lie that her followers are swallowing is that Pope Francis is not the true Pope! This lie contradicts, Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition and the Magisterium of the Church. We must pray for those people who have been so deceived and are leading many souls towards this rebellion against our saintly Holy Father.

The second commitment of the MMP is "Love for and union with the Pope".

Now is the time more than ever to enter into the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the Cenacles of prayer. Let us rediscover the power of simplicity: the Invocation of the Holy Spirit, The Holy Rosary, prayers for the Pope, meditation on Our Lady's guiding words and fulfilling her request at Fatima by consecrating ourselves to Her Immaculate Heart. She indeed crushes the ugly Head of Satan through the powerhouse of prayer in the Cenacles.

All that we need to know is contained in Her Book; She has explained to us the meaning of the sealed book of The Apocalypse. Let us not be victims of vain curiosity but trust in our

Mother who knows exactly what her children need to pass safely from this current age of apostasy to the beautiful new era of the Triumph of Her Immaculate Heart: an era that will see the Glorious Eucharist Reign of Her Son Jesus; truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

My dear Members of the MMP please continue to follow The Woman set in battle array, stand tall with your Victorious Mother, and remain faithful to Her request to gather in Her Cenacles of prayer and always to trust in Her promised victory.

Yours in Jesus through Mary,

Fr Andrew Grace

Responsible for Australia



IMPORTANT NOTICE

ANNUAL MMP RETREAT @ KENSINGTON – 11TH to 15TH AUGUST 2014
Refer Pages 8 & 9

Fr Donal McIlraith SSC - In 2013 Fr McIlraith was appointed Regional Director of the Columbans in Fiji. He was able to lead Cenacles in PNG, Kiribati (the Gilbert Islands) and the USA during the year. While remaining Responsible for Oceania, with this new apostolic task, he feels he should confine his MMP work to the Pacific and specifically to Fiji and the Islands of the CEPAC Conference. Please pray for him.

The following is an English translation of the annual MMP newsletter from Fr Laurent Larroque, Director General of the Movement.

Ave Maria

Montoire-sur-le-Loir (France)

January 1, 2014

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

To the National and Regional Directors of the M.M.P.

Dear Brothers,

At the beginning of this new year, as Fr. Gobbi would say, I am spiritually close to you with my best wishes of peace and of holiness. I ask him to be especially close to each one of us, to obtain for us from the Blessed Mother the grace of perseverance and of trust.

We are certain that Mary continues to guide her Movement, and that we will be given the light to fulfill the great responsibility that we have undertaken by joining her Movement. Already in the early messages, she said:

“They must let themselves be formed by me, as little children, with much trust and abandonment! Then through them the light of the Gospel will shine anew in this world so filled with darkness. This is the task of my priests: to be this light in the great darkness which will be spread over the whole earth, because through them and in them, I will be present in the midst of my children during the great purification, in order to save them in the decisive hours.” (To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons (TTP), October 20, 1973, 22 m-o)

*“If I have told you that, in the greatest darkness, the light will come to you from my Immaculate Heart, I have wanted in this way to inform you that, **at the decisive moments, I myself will suggest everything to you.** I will tell you whom you must follow in order to be faithful to the Vicar of my Son Jesus and to my Church. I will confirm you in what you must say to remain in the truth. I will point out to you those whom you ought to fear and what roads you can follow to avoid dangers...”* (TTP, Dec. 8, 1977, 140 n-p)

For this reason I ask that more publicity be given to the **Consecration of priests to [the Immaculate Heart of] Mary, made by Pope Benedict XVI** on May 12 and June 11, 2010 [Year for Priests].

I remind you also of the passages from the Catechism of the Catholic Church (#675) and Our Lady's message of January 1, 1993, quoted by Fr. Quartilio Gabrielli in last year's circular letter.

The last message upon which Fr. Gobbi commented, during his last cenacle on Pentecost Sunday June 12, 2011 in Como, Italy, was that of **October 18, 1975**. About this message he said: *“Meditate it well, because everything is there.”*

NEWS

On July 10, 2013, his Excellency Monsignor Diego Colletti, Bishop of Como, approved the Statutes of the M.M.P., making it a private association of the faithful in his diocese. This was done, not to create another reality, but to **permit the Movement to carry on as it did** for more than forty years under the guidance of Fr. Gobbi, as inspired by the Virgin Mary.

During the annual spiritual exercises in Collevaenza [Italy] at the end of June 2013, thirty national and regional directors, having been appointed by Fr. Gobbi, became directors of said Association, thanks to the work of Fr. Gobbi's secretary, Fr. Quartilio Gabrielli. They elected me, Fr. Laurent Larroque, as Director General of the Movement. We thank Fr. Quartilio for his work and the sacrifices he endured to assure the institutionalization of the charism of the MMP.

I do not have the same inspired charism as Fr. Gobbi, but I have the same will to guide the Movement forward with great fidelity, with **Most Holy Mary herself as guide.** *“I myself will be your Leader...allow yourselves to be guided by me.”* (TTP, July 16, 1973, 5 h,k) Our Lady

said three times – in June, July and December 1974 – that this is her Work and that no external interference will be able to harm it. (cf. message 63e, Dec. 7, 1974)

I am grateful for the prayers offered for me, and I ask you to continue them.

In the Statutes, we have established that all those who are members of the MMP, since they already participate in the cenacles and live its spirituality, do not have to fill out any membership form to be part of the Association. They are called “ordinary members.” There is also the category of “promoter members” – those who are responsible for local cenacles, faithfully observing the spirituality and respecting the directives of Fr. Gobbi. They can become members of the Association by sending their enrollment to the new official office of the Movement: **Via don G. Bosco, 1 22100 Como-Lora (Italy)**

I thank those who would **send news of the Movement** from around the world to this address!

To this same address, you also can send your **witness of graces received** through the intercession of Fr. Gobbi. The **biography** of Fr. Gobbi is in progress. Please pray for its success, and pray also for the printing of the **standard edition** of the Blue Book. As **intercessors**, we have Fr. Gabriele Allegra, beatified on September 29, 2012 (Acireale, Sicily), and Marie Bolognesi, a woman who was very important in the life of Fr. Gobbi, beatified on September 7, 2013 in Rovigo (close to Bologna). Let us pray also that Fr. Nazareno Lanciotti, who was the National Director of the MMP for Brazil, may soon be beatified.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

As usual, these will be held at the Shrine of Merciful Love in **Collevalenza [Italy] from Sunday evening, June 22 to Saturday morning, June 28**, for the bishops and priests of the MMP.

- Few laypersons will be allowed to attend (only those who have a position of responsibility in the MMP).
- I invite the priests **to bring with them their surplus Mass intentions** to be offered as fraternal assistance to those who find themselves in financial difficulty.
- As always, address all inquiries and reservation requests to:

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REGIONAL CENACLES IN ITALY:

Collevalenza-April 10; Padua-April 25; San Gabriel-April 30; Bologna-May 6; Latiano-May 8; Udine-May 10; Dongo-May 13; La Spezia-May 15; Montenero-May 22; Capriana-May 25; Loreto-June 2; Rome-June 3.

MEDITATION

To begin, I will use a meditation given by Fr. Gobbi on the morning of July 2, 2010, titled **“Apostles of the Eucharist.”** As he often did, Fr. Gobbi takes up the homily of Pope John Paul II given during the beatification of Jacinta and Francisco (Fatima, May 13, 2000). He concludes: **The Woman clothed with the Sun came down from Heaven to seek her little ones,** to make them become a *burning bush* before Jesus present in the Eucharist. The Tabernacle is the *Burning Bush* in our midst: a light that burns without being consumed. Consequently, we too, by remaining in adoration before the Tabernacle, become the *burning bush* of the Most High.

The Virgin Mary, “the first Tabernacle in history” (John Paul II, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 55), **draws us to the Eucharistic Jesus** and reveals Him to us, same as She reveals the secrets of the Father to the little ones. As Blessed Francisco had understood at the age of nine: “I come to console the hidden Jesus.”

Fr. Gobbi said that, in the midst of this battle between the great Dragon and the Woman clothed with the Sun, we have been formed by Her so that she can carry us before the hidden God. The more Jesus is abandoned in his Real Presence, the more She leads us toward the Tabernacle; she makes us fall in love with the Eucharistic Jesus. **The Eucharistic Jesus becomes the ardent fire that burns our heart** without consuming it; the Eucharistic Jesus leads us to our true priestly holiness, entirely modeled upon Jesus, meek and humble of heart.

There, before the Tabernacle, we choose always and again humility, and we desire it with a great purity of heart, without ever staining it by career ambition, which would be to “serve self rather than Christ” as Benedict XVI used to say, and as Pope Francis also has said in his own words. We promise it in our Act of Consecration.

There, before the Tabernacle, we choose always and again the meekness of Jesus, who permits us to be at peace, as he was before those who opposed him, *“without attaching [ourselves] to anything, without being astonished at anything, without putting [ourselves] in pain about anything...”* (*Treatise on True Devotion [to the Blessed Virgin Mary]*, 57)

There, before the Tabernacle, we choose always and again the tenderness of Jesus, to become ever more the instruments, chosen and prepared by Mary, for the triumph of Divine Mercy in the world.

There, before the tabernacle, we live out our trust with the abandonment of those who are who are in love with Him, without any shadow of discouragement or of being paralyzed out of fear. We become courageous apostles of hope (cf. message #533, December 8, 1994), a hope of the approaching return of Jesus in glory, as we say at every Mass: “as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ.”

Pope John Paul II says it thus (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 62):

“Above all, let us listen to Mary Most Holy, in whom the mystery of the Eucharist appears, more than in anyone else, as a mystery of light. Gazing upon Mary, we come to know the transforming power present in the Eucharist. In her we see the world renewed in love.

Contemplating her, assumed body and soul into heaven, **we see opening up before us those 'new heavens' and that 'new earth' which will appear at the second coming of Christ. Here below, the Eucharist represents their pledge, and in a certain way, their anticipation: 'Veni, Domine Iesu!' (Rev 22:20)**"

Attentive to Mary, let us listen to what she said on August 21, 1987 (360 v) and on June 14, 1979 (176 e-f), concerning the coinciding of the glorious reign of Jesus and the glorification of the Eucharist:

"The coming of the glorious reign of Christ will coincide with the greatest splendor of the Eucharist." (TTP, 360v) "His glorious reign will shine forth above all in the triumph of his Eucharistic Person, because the Eucharist will once again be the heart and center of the whole life of the Church. Jesus in the Eucharist will become the summit of all your prayer, which should be a prayer of adoration, of thanksgiving, of praise and of propitiation." (TTP, 176 d-e)

Jesus is present in the Eucharist, with his glorified Body, but He is hidden; when he returns in his glory, he will, as it were, cause to explode this aspect of Himself hidden under the species, and He will manifest Himself in his glory.

It seems that we are faced with numerous attacks: against the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist; against the sacrificial nature of the Mass; an epidemic of communions made in the state of mortal sin; the great neglect of signs of reverence around Jesus in the Tabernacle; when adoration of Jesus exposed in the most Blessed Sacrament has become more and more infrequent.

As John Paul II repeats in *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* (1,31,59) quoting the second Vatican Council, and as we find again in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: if the Eucharistic Jesus is truly *"the source and summit of the life of the Church", "the treasure of the Church", "the Church's entire spiritual wealth: Christ himself, our Passover and Living Bread"*, then do not all of these attacks perhaps prepare us for the abomination of desolation in the Holy Temple of God, prophesied by the Prophet Daniel and by Jesus? Do they not represent a culminating point of the battle between the Woman clothed with the Sun and the Dragon, as seen in the Apocalypse? (e.g., cf. Christmas message, 1977)

Let us reread John Paul II's *Mane Nobiscum Domine (Stay with Us, Lord)* and *Ecclesia de Eucharistia (The Church Draws Her Life from the Eucharist)*, and Benedict XVI's *Sacramentum Caritatis (The Sacrament of Charity)*.

Ecclesia de Eucharistia: 10, 52, 36, 25

10. "At times one encounters an extremely reductive understanding of the Eucharistic mystery. Stripped of its sacrificial meaning, it is celebrated as if it were simply a fraternal banquet. ...**The Eucharist is too great a gift to tolerate ambiguity and depreciation.**"

52. "No one is permitted to undervalue the Mystery entrusted to our hands: it is too great for anyone to feel free to treat it lightly and with disregard for its sacredness and its universality."

36. “Along these same lines, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* rightly stipulates that ‘anyone conscious of a grave sin must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to communion.’ I therefore desire to reaffirm that in the Church **there remains in force, now and in the future, the rule** by which the Council of Trent gave concrete expression to the Apostle Paul's stern warning when it affirmed that, in order to receive the Eucharist in a worthy manner, ‘one must first confess one's sins, when one is aware of mortal sin.’ ”

25. “It is the responsibility of pastors to encourage, also by their personal witness, the practice of Eucharistic adoration, and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in particular, as well as prayer of adoration before Christ present under the Eucharistic species. It is pleasant to spend time with him, to lie close to his breast like the Beloved Disciple (cf. Jn 13:25) and to feel the infinite love present in his heart (...) **How can we not feel a renewed need to spend time in spiritual converse, in silent adoration, in heartfelt love before Christ present in the Most Holy Sacrament?**”

Refer to the messages of August 21, 1987; March 31, 1988 and August 8, 1986. In the one dated July 1, 1992 (474 f-g), we read:

“Show yourselves to all as my little children, as priests consecrated to me, as the apostles of these last times. Your light must shine ever more brightly in the great darkness which is covering humanity and which has pervaded the Church. Let your priestly love be the sign of my motherly presence among you.” (TTP, July 1, 1992, 474f-g)

*“You are being called more and more to become the apostles **and new martyrs of Jesus, present in the Eucharist** (TTP, July 13, 1978, I 56n)*

“Because you are now entering into the most painful and dark phase of the purification, and soon the Church will be shaken by a terrible persecution, a new persecution, such as has hitherto been unknown.” (TTP, Nov. 12, 1988, 393h)

O Jesus, present in the Eucharist – eternal sun of Paradise with all your Power, fire that burns without being consumed – with invincible hope, we wish to await your return in glory. At the Ascension, the Angels said to the Apostles: “Jesus will return in the same way as He has gone into Heaven.” (cf. Acts 1:11) Jesus also had said, to confirm the truth of the Eucharist, “when you shall see the Son of Man returning to Heaven...” (cf. John 6:62) Now we say, “when you will see the Son of Man coming from Heaven,” then we shall see our Eucharistic faith confirmed, our hope realized, and our priestly love fulfilled.

I entrust to you, who are the directors, the task of sending this letter to the members of the Marian Movement of Priests, that it may be read and well meditated by them. I offer to all my affectionate greetings along with my priestly blessing. I await your response, informing me of your news.

In the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Your little brother,
Fr. Laurent Larroque

ANNUAL MMP RETREAT (OCEANIA) WITH FATHER HUGH THOMAS CSsr

We are pleased to advise full details of the MMP's National Retreat to be held in Sydney from Monday 11th August 2014 to Friday 15th August 2014.

The Retreat will be conducted by Father Hugh Thomas CSsr (MMP Responsible for NSW) at the Chevalier Resource Centre, 1 Roma Avenue, Kensington and is open to all Priests, Religious, Lay Associates and friends. ALL enquires relating to the Retreat are to be made at any the following contact points;-

- 1) Postal to PO Box 636, Castle Hill NSW 1765
- 2) Email: mmp@mmpoceania.org
- 3) Tony & Lorraine Grace 65 Chalmers Rd Strathfield NSW 2135 (02) 9642 3373

Please make bookings in writing on the attached application form. Those attending the Retreat must attend the full Retreat and stay overnight (no casual attendance). The full daily programme for the Retreat and other related information, will be provided to participants just prior to the Retreat commencing.

As places are limited and you are advised to book early. A deposit of \$240 is to be paid with the registration form. Cheques to be made payable to the Marian Movement of Priests (or MMP) and posted to 65 Chalmers Road Strathfield NSW 2135 (as above in 3)

Retreat details as follows:-

<u>Start time/date:</u>	Lunch 12.30 pm Monday 11 th August 2014
<u>Finish time/date:</u>	Lunch 12.30 pm Friday 15 th August 2014
<u>Venue:</u>	Chevalier Resource Centre, 1 Roma Avenue, Kensington NSW
<u>Transport:</u>	Not far from Sydney Central Railway and Sydney Airport. Buses 391,393 & 395 from Eddy Ave at Central Station. Then Short walk from Doncaster Ave & Anzac Pde to Retreat House of about 800 metres uphill (or car pick up, ring Fr Tony 9315 2246)
<u>Cost:</u>	4 nights, including accommodation, all meals, morning and afternoon tea etc., as well as linen and towels - <u>\$590 per person</u> Extra if staying Sunday before Retreat or Friday after Retreat
<u>Special Offer:-</u>	Non Live In. Cost \$300. Only 10 positions available
<u>Accommodation:</u>	Majority of rooms are single. Only 9 twin rooms available Male & female bathrooms.
<u>General:</u>	Priests – please bring breviaries and Mass vestments. All – please bring Divine Office book (if possible) and Rosary beads. Parking – use lower car park after unpacking
<u>Note:</u>	A lift from the basement (Conference Room level) to the 3rd floor (5 floors) <u>plus</u> a ramp from ground floor to the dining room <u>plus</u> showers & toilets for the handicapped have been constructed - thus eliminating all steps.

REGISTRATION FOR MMP RETREAT

[from 11th August 2014 to 15th August 2014.

- lunch 12.30pm Monday 11th to lunch 12.30pm Friday 15th inclusive]

Title: First Name: Surname:

Address:

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Telephone: Email:.....

Single or twin room?
(9 twin rooms available)

Staying Sunday BEFORE Retreat ?

Staying Friday AFTER Retreat ?.....

Approximate arrival time ?.....

Approximate departure time ?..

Special dietary considerations:

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Other requirements/comments:

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Payment: Cheque/ cash / other (Deposit \$240 per person)

Amount

Special offer:- Non Live-in (\$300) (10 positions only. All meals, etc. No bed)

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